

Project Title Wabash Crossing IDA Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$50,588

Nonfederal Support \$50,588

Project Period September 2003 – September 2008

Highlights Neighborhood Housing Development Corporation is

expanding its IDA program, funded under HUD-funded HOPE VI redevelopment activities, and offering 43 homeownership IDAs. The match rate is \$2 to \$1, up to \$1,000 in participant savings over 18 months. Participants receive 6 months of training, including financial literacy and homebuyer counseling. Additional services include

repair, and advanced financial education.

Target Population Residents in public housing in Decatur and Macon county,

also targeted under a HOPE VI revitalization grant.

childcare, transportation, mentoring, counseling, credit

Grantee/Collaborative Description Neighborhood Housing is a Community Development

Corporation founded in 1990 to foster housing opportunities for low-income individuals. Under this collaborative, Decatur Housing Authority screens applicants, provides case management and supportive needs, and conducts referrals. Community Investment Corporation of Decatur handles materials development. Four banks contributed to the nonfederal match, averaging \$8,500 each. Additionally, the banks waived account fees and reduced the opening balance requirement for IDA participants. Each is also supporting financial education. They include First National Bank of Decatur, Hickory Point Bank and Trust, Soy Capital Bank

and Trust Company, and Union Planters Bank.